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C.I.A. Link Alleged
In a Plot for Mafia
To Kill 3 Dictators

6 DEMOCRATS HERE
CRITICAL OF C.I.A.

Representatives Draw 800
to East Side Meeting

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Six Democratic Representatives attracted an audience of 800 on the East Side yesterday for a town meeting on the controversy over the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Representatives, all of whom took anti-C.I.A. positions of varying severity, were peppered with questions from the audience about the current Congressional investigations of the agency, possible links between the C.I.A. and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the 6.5-billion in Federal funds spent annually for foreign intelligence gathering.

Representative Bella S. Abzug, who found at a hearing last week in Washington that the C.I.A. had been keeping a dossier on her, was asked if the intelligence agency ought to be abolished.

'Government into Itself'

"The C.I.A. has become a government unto itself," the Manhattan Congresswoman replied. "They seem to consider themselves above the executive branch of government, the judicial branch, the legislative branch and the Constitution. That is the question—whether the C.I.A. in its present form should exist at all."

The gathering at Julia Richmond High School, 67th Street and Second Avenue, was sponsored by the Committee for Public Justice, a part of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. It was founded in 1970 at the urging of Lillian Hellman, the playwright, to look into acts of the Administration of President Richard M. Nixon in domestic intelligence, secrecy in government and political trials.

Members of the audience paid \$10 for reserved seats or \$2 for general admission to the meeting. Warren Beatty, the actor, who is a member of the Committee for Public Justice, introduced the participants and apologized to Elizabeth Holtzman, the Brooklyn Congressman, for saying that she represented Richmond.

Time magazine reported yesterday that it had been told by "credible sources" that the Central Intelligence Agency had been "involved in assassination plots" against the Caribbean leaders Fidel Castro, Rafael L. Trujillo and Francois Duvalier.

The magazine said its "sources contend that the C.I.A. enlisted the hired-gun help of U.S. Mafia figures in several unsuccessful attempts to kill Cuban Premier Castro both before and shortly after the C.I.A.-planned Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961."

It said the sources reported that the agency got the help of two underworld figures, Sam Giancana and John Roselli in efforts to kill Mr. Castro by poison, shooting or bombs. It said the Federal Bureau of Investigation later learned of these attempts while investigating a burglary of the comedian Dan Rowan's hotel room in Las Vegas. It said the F.B.I. learned "the arrested prowlers had been assigned by the C.I.A. as a favor to Giancana, who sought information to break up a budding romance between Rowan and Giancana's girl friend, Phyllis McGuire."

The magazine said its sources asserted that the C.I.A. "backed the successful drive to overthrow" General Trujillo, whose 31 years as dictator of the Dominican Republic ended with his death by shooting in May, 1961. The sources said the agency thought President Trujillo was "getting too friendly with the Communists" and "nobody wanted another Cuba in the Dominican Republic."

It said the C.I.A. "collaborated with Haiti leaders of a group of at least 200 rebels" who tried unsuccessfully to overthrow Mr. Duvalier, dictator of Haiti, in 1963. It said the rebels were stopped at the Dominican border when they tried to invade Haiti.

Costa Rican Link

MEXICO CITY, March 9 (UPI)—José Figueres, former President of Costa Rica, said in a televised interview broadcast today that he worked for the C.I.A. in "20,000 ways" since it was founded. He said he believed other Latin American Presidents had also done so but did not mention any names.

Several questions from the audience concerned the assassination of President Kennedy. John D. Marks, co-author of "The C.I.A. and the Cult of Intelligence," said: "I don't think there's anybody in this room who believes that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone." He said he had a "visceral feeling" that some figures in the murder had C.I.A. connections.

The Representatives on hand—Mrs. Abzug, Miss Holtzman, Herman Badillo, Mario Biaggi, Benjamin S. Rosenthal and Edward I. Koch—indicated they favored a resolution by Representative Henry Gonzales that the Kennedy case be reopened.

Former Representative Al-lard K. Lowenstein, who was in the audience, urged that the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in 1963 be included in an re-examination of the assassination.

CIA 4.01 ASSASSINATIONS

CASTRO, Fidel

TRUJILLO, RAFAEL

DUVALIER, FRANCOIS

ORG 1 MAFIA

GIANCANA, Sam

ROSELLI, John

ROWAN, DAN

FIGUERES, Jose

P. Montgomery, Paul

ORG 1 Town Meeting

KENNEDY, John F.

ABZUG, Bella

ORG 1 CHe For Public
Justice (ACLU)

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MARKS, John